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RIGA BUSES ON SUMMER SCHEDULE -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 119, 22 May 49

Bus service to the Riga seashore is being improved with the approach of the summer season. At present these buses run every hour; starting 1 June they will run every 20 minutes.

ROAD REPAIR IN ESTONIA -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 119, 22 May 49

The uyezd road section of the Khar'ya Roads Administration, Ministry of Internal Affairs Estonian SSR, announces that starting 22 May 1949 the Tallin-Pyarnu road will be closed for repairs from the 30th to the 53d kilometer mark. Detour is via the Kharutee-Nissi-Varbola road.

MOSCOW'S BORODINSKIY BRIDGE TO BE WIDENED -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 46, 25 Feb 49

The Borodinskiy Bridge in Moscow, built in 1913, has long ceased to satisfy the demands of increased street traffic in the capital. It is too narrow, as it measures only 18 meters from railing to railing. For that reason, there is only one streetcar track crossing the bridge. Automobile traffic is also hampered.

The Executive Committee of the Moscow Soviet passed a decree to widen the bridge to more than double its present width. The roadway alone (excluding sidewalks) will be 35.4 meters wide, and the sidewalks will each be 3.5 meters wide. The architectural design will remain unchanged.

In connection with the widening of the Borodinskiy Bridge, the narrow approaches to the bridge from Smolensk Square and from Bol'shaya Dorogomil'skaya Street will be reconstructed. The approaches will be asphalt on a concrete foundation. Two streetcar tracks will cross the bridge.

NO BRIDGE IN KRASNIZAVODSK -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 48, 21 May 49

The small Kmi'ya River passes through the city of Krasnozavodsk, Zagorskiy Rayon. Five years ago, a flood washed away the only bridge crossing the river in the city. This bridge has not yet been replaced. Travel between the two parts of the city must be done by raft or ferry. Automobiles cannot cross the river at all.

SPRING THAW CLOSING CHITA ROAD -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 81, 26 Apr 49

"Barguzintolotrans" announces to all organizations which haul freight on the Chita-Romanovka route that this road will be closed from 1 May to 1 June to all types of transport because of spring thaws.

KHABAROVSK ROAD REGULATIONS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 103, 4 May 49

The Executive Committee of the Khabarovsk Kray Soviet of Workers' Deputies has extended until 31 December 1950 the effective period of the "Regulations for the Preservation and Utilization of Republic and Local Roads of Khabarovsk Kray" confirmed by executive committee decree No 1035, 27 September 1946.

The regulations prohibit the use of the road area on Republic and local automobile transport roads or secondary roads for construction projects, construction materials, yards, any household articles, and other articles. All articles and property remaining within the road limits without permission from

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road agencies of the Kray Road Department will be impounded by road agencies. Any expenses incurred in this work or in repairing road damage will be charged to the person or enterprise responsible. After a 3-day period, unclaimed property will be appropriated by the road agencies. All articles left in the road, either with or without permission, must be provided with light signals at night.

The regulations prohibit cultivation, digging, irrigation, and all other activities which damage the road or its surrounding area; this includes damage to banks, ditches, or gutters by excavating earth, clay, or sand.

Also prohibited is the laying of rail tracks, water main and sewer pipes, electric cables, etc., without written permission from road agencies; dumping sewage, manure, ashes, snow, or any type of refuse on any part of the road or surrounding area; pasturing cattle on banks, ditches, or road surface; and driving cattle across the road or culverts in areas where there are no bridge crossings. Individuals or enterprises, by obtaining permission from road agencies, may make arrangements, where necessary, to use bridge crossings which are not in general use.

The regulations forbid the movement of tractors which have lugs, flanges, or cutting devices, on the roadbed. Tractors and other machines having projections from the wheels may be run along the road only in cases where they are making an approach to a bridge or detour and only if they are smooth running, easily maneuverable, and operated with caution.

Passage along a road in rainy weather, until the road is dry, is prohibited. Lighting a fire on the road, smoking on a bridge, or remaining for a prolonged period on a bridge is forbidden by the regulations. It is also forbidden (1) to leave automobiles, trucks, or wagons on bridges or approach roads, (2) to cause damage to the bridge or surrounding area, (3) to obstruct the bridge span or culvert outlets, (4) to carry freight which exceeds the load capacity of a bridge, (5) to travel at a speed exceeding the limit posted on signs, (6) to use a secondary road for truck gardens or meadow land, (7) to destroy planting, (8) to cut or injure trees along the road and within the limits of the roadbed of a secondary road, and (9) to obstruct drainage ditches.

Construction of telegraph and telephone lines and installation of poles is permitted only beyond the limits of the roadbed and side gutters and only at a distance from the gutter edge equal to the length of the pole. Overhead lines must be installed at a height no less than 4.5 meters from the road surface.

During the spring thaw, and also during and after rain, the road agencies and rayon and village executive committees have the right to close roads to traffic.

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